Daventry Rural

Long Buckby.
January 1895.

Gentlemen,

I beg herewith to hand you my annual Report for 1894.

Births. The total number of Births registered in the District was 326 or a birth rate of 23.8 per 1000 of population against 26 per 1000 in 1893.

Deaths. The total number of deaths registered in the District was 186 besides 8 occurring in the Daventry Urban District of persons belonging to this Rural District, making in all 194 or a death rate of 14.16 against 19 per 1000 in 1893.

Zymotic Diseases. The deaths from Zymotic diseases were:- Children under 5, 19; persons over 5, 4; total 23, or a death rate of 1.6 per 1000 against 2.2 per 1000 in 1893. Other deaths Whooping Cough was responsible for 12, Measles 4, Scarlet Fever 2, Diphtheria 1, Membranous Croup 1, Typhoid 1, and Diarrhoea & Dysentery 2.

Infectious Diseases. Again this year a great number of Infectious diseases have been notified. Singularly enough the number is exactly the same as last year - 119; of these 21 occurred at Weedon, 22 at Long Buckby, 14 at Flore, 2 at Stowe, 6 at Whilton, 21 at Farthingstone, 7 at Newham, 5 at Byfield, 11 at Badby, 5 at Braunston, 4 are each at Staverton, Welton and Dodford. They have been divided as follows:- Scarlet Fever; 19 at Weedon, 14 at Buckby

(including the Wharf), 12 at Floore, 1 at Slow, 1 at Whilton, 21 at Farthingstone, 3 at Byfield, 8 at Badby, 2 at Braunston and 1 at Dodford.
Puerperal Fever; 1 at Weedon and 1 at Stow.
Diphtheria; 7 at Newnham, 2 at Braunston, 1 at Buckby Wharf, 1 each at Badby, Norton and Staverton.
Membranous Croup; one at Badby.
Typhoid Fever; 1 at Byfield.
The remaining were cases of Erysipelas not confined to any locality.

Population. The population according to the Census of 1891 was 13.709.

As in previous Reports I shall not enumerate the different cases of removal of refuse, emptying of Privies & Ash Closets, manure heaps etc ordered to be removed, Water Supplies condemned & other minor Sanitary defects when only affecting Single houses or Groups of houses. These have been brought under the notice of the Rural Sanitary Authority at the time either by the Inspector or myself, and have been promptly dealt with.

It will suffice to say there have been twenty-eight cases of drains relaid and repaired, & culverts and ditches Cleaned out and put in proper order; Seven cases of contaminated Water Supplies remedied, twelve Cases of Cess-pools repaired or done away with, Seven cases of new Privies built or old ones put in order, & one case of overcrowding attended to.

There has been one common lodging house registered at Long Buckby.

Slaughter-houses

At various times during the year the Inspector and myself have visited the Slaughter-houses in the district & have generally found them satisfactory.

Meetings

I attended meetings of the Rural Sanitary Authority on March 7th re the Water Supplies at Buckby, Weedon, Braunston, Badby & Walford; & to meet Mr. Beeby Thompson and consider his report on April 25; June 20th & October 24th.

Reports.

I forwarded reports to the Long Buckby Parochial Committee re the Water Supply on May 26. To the Rural Sanitary Authority re the Water Supplies at Badby and Newnham & the diphtheria at Newnham on August 17th. And to the Daventry District Council re the cases of Scarlet fever sent from London to Weedon and Walford in December; on January 6th of this year.

I now propose to take the villages seriatim & as briefly as possible touch on the different Sanitary matters which have occurred in them during 1894.

Long Buckby

There have been 22 cases of Infectious Disease notified in this village during the year; of these, 17 were Scarlet fever. The first cases occurred at the Vicarage at the end of March, & the first person to fall with the disease was the nurse maid who had been to Northampton where the disease was prevalent a few days previously, & that was the only way in which I could account for the infection. The next outbreak occurred in July in the person of a child named Elsie Haynes; in this case an uncle of the child

who had been suffering from Scarlet Fever came to Beckley, & the mother of the child walked to the station with him; this was after he had been discharged from the Infectious hospital at Northampton. Then several cases occurred in the family of a man named Coleman, & these were all removed as they fell to the Infectious hospital at Daventry.

The Pail System which was about to be adopted in this village, was on further consideration not adopted, nor has any other regular system for the disposal of the Sewage from Privies etc been used instead of it; the Rural Sanitary Authority I believe received a report from the Parochial Committee re this matter.

In the latter part of the year the Rural Sanitary authority called in Mr. Beeby Thompson to advise them re a scheme for a pure water supply for the village, and on Sept. 15th. I visited with Mr. Beeby Thompson the various supplies on the West & North west of the village.

In May the drain from the Pump at Cotton End was taken up & relaid.

edon. There were 21 cases of Infectious disease notified in this village during the year, of these 19 were Scarlet fever.

On January 5th. I visited this village re an outbreak of Infectious disease; as the disease was prevalent at the Barracks & there is communication between the Barracks and the village it is probable that the infection arose from there although I could not definitely trace it.

On March 11th. I visited Potter's house at Weedon

re an outbreak of Scarlet Fever. I found that a sister of the patient had recently returned to her work at Sergt: Webb's who had lately had scarlet fever, and it is probable that this was the source of the infection.

On March 30th. I again visited Weedon and met Dr. Stocker, Surg: Lieut: Col: Brydes & the Rev. Towers re the closing of the Schools, as the disease however did not appear to be in any way connected with them, we decided not to close them.

On Dec. 5th. owing to an outbreak of measles in the village, Lieut: Col: Gillespie Commanding the Garrison ordered that no children should attend School from the Garrison & Ordnance Stores, & as this reduced the attendance from 330 to 168, at the wish of the managers of the Schools, I granted a certificate for the closing of them, & they are still closed as the epidemic is not yet over.

On December 9th. I visited Weedon and Dodford & two cases of Scarlet fever which had been sent down from London; I sent a report to the Daventry District Council re these cases on Janry: 6th. & attended the meeting of the Council re the same subject on Janry. 16th.

In January the Main Culvert was repaired at the end near the Brook & in May the same Culvert was repaired at the West End.

In June the drain in the Back Lane was taken up and relaid with 9 inch Socket pipes a distance of twenty five yards, & in July the same drain was further relaid with Socket pipes a distance of 60 yards.

Braunston Five cases of infectious disease have been notified in this village during the year; of these two were Scarlet fever both in the same house, and two diphtheria. The Scarlet fever cases were removed to the Daventry Infectious hospital; I was unable to trace the infection; the girl worked at the house of a woman named Lewis & she had had a son at home with a bad throat, but I could not find that he had had Scarlet fever.

In June the drain in the Back Lane was taken up and relaid with 6in: Socket pipes à drain of 70 yards.

In November the public well at the top end of the village was put in proper repair.

West Haddon. No cases of infectious disease have occurred in this village during the year.

In April a Stench Trap and Ventilating Shaft were fitted to the catch pit at the top end of the village.

In October a Stench Trap was fitted to the main drain on the Green & the Public Pump was put in proper repair.

In November the drain near Mr. Robinson's was fitted with a Stench Trap

Woodford. No cases of infectious disease were notified during the year. On visiting this village in October I found that the main drain had burst up, it was taken up near the Crown & Anchor & relaid, & the Public Well was bricked round the top.

Twenty one cases of Scarlet fever have been notified in this village during the year. On March 17th: on visiting the

Village I found that mild cases of Scarlet fever had evidently been existing for some weeks but no Medical man had been called in; I visited every house in the village; and at least in one instance a child had been attending school whilst others in the house had been suffering from Scarlet fever. Under these circumstances I ordered the schools to be closed and thoroughly disinfected before being reopened.

In April the old drain at the bottom end of the village was taken up and relaid with Socket Pipes & also one new Cesspool built and four old ones rebricked. In June the drain near the school was taken up & relaid with 6 inch Socket Pipes a distance of 33 yards. In November the drain near Mr. Beesewell's was taken up & relaid with Socket Pipes

Welton. One case of Erysipelas was notified, with that exception there have been no cases of Infectious disease during the year.

In January the Main drain opposite Mr. R. Houghton's was taken up & relaid. In March the public well at the top end of the Village was repaired. In July the drain at the top end of the Village was taken up & relaid for 60 yards with 6 in. Socket Pipes.

One case of Diphtheria was notified during the year. In July a new 6 in. drain was laid in the School Lane & 60 yards 6 inch drain was laid from Mrs Goodman's to Mr. Atkins's Cottages.

Dodford. On December 9th. I visited this Village re the Scarlet fever cases mentioned under Weedon.

Woodford. In May the ditch situated by the Eydon Road & also at the bottom end of the Village was cleaned out.

Norton. One case of diphtheria was notified in this Village in November. I was unable to trace any source of infection. On August 29th. I revisited the Village re an outbreak of Measles. I found that the first Case which occurred was a child who had come on a visit to the Village from Long Lawford, and fell ill a few days after arrival & about the same time another brother fell ill with measles at home at Long Lawford, so that in this way infection was evidently imported.

Badby. Eight Cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Diphtheria & one of Membranous Croup were notified in this Village. I visited the Village on November 4th re cases of Scarlet Fever; I was unable to account for the outbreak and it seemed to have no special connection with either of the Schools, I therefore did not think it advisable to close them.

On August 17th. in making an inspection of this Village I found that all the upper part of the Village was very short of water, the water Supply of this Village was under the consideration of the Rural Sanitary Authority.

In June the Public Well at the top end of the Village was repaired & a drain laid from it.

In August the Stone drain near the Schools was taken up and relaid with 6 inch Socket

Apse a distance of 40 yards.

In November the drain at the Daventry end was taken up & relaid a distance of 50 yards.

Whilton. One case of Scarlet fever was notified in this village in July. I visited the premises but could not account for the outbreak, it was fortunately however confined to the one case. In October I visited the village re an outbreak of measles.

Moore. Twelve cases of Scarlet fever were notified in this village. I visited the village on May 20th. & found that the first case was that of a boy employed at Wilson's Stores, & was constantly delivering parcels in Weedon and Farthingstone in both of which villages the disease was prevalent. In another case which occurred in the village the child was the son of one of the Proprietors of the Stores; and in yet another case the father, a man named Russell worked at the Government Stores at Weedon, & some of the other men there, notably one named Ashby who worked with Russell, had had scarlet fever cases in their houses.

As two of the above cases were in the same class at the schools I ordered the Inspector of Nuisances to close the schools for a couple of days and thoroughly disinfect them.

I again visited the village on June 22nd. & met Dr. Stocker there & also went to the schools & examined the Registers, but as it did not appear that the disease was

spreading from the schools I thought it unnecessary to close them.

In March a new Tank & Tap was put to the Spring in Sprout Lane.

In April the ditch near the Mr. Sharp's Garden was laid in with 9 inch Socket Pipes. In May the Cesspits in Church Lane were fitted with Stench Traps.

In September the Main Drain on the Green was repaired.

Byfield Three cases of Scarlet fever & one of Typhoid were notified in this village.

I visited the village re the Scarlet fever case on March 16th. & found that a boy named Billson had returned home from Towcester Grammar School twenty one days after developing Scarlet fever, he stayed home three weeks until March 9th. when he returned to school his Mother informed me he was still peeling when he left. I at once wrote to the Head Master of the school calling his attention to the facts. The other cases were Mrs. Billsins Servant then scotch, and three fell on March 12th. In April the drain near the Post Office was taken up & relaid for 40 yards then Mr. Hall's property for 60 yards.

pes. On June 13th. I visited this village re an outbreak of Measles; as I found the majority of the houses were infected I gave a certificate for the closing of the schools & ordered them to be thoroughly disinfected before being re-opened.

Newham. Seven cases of diphtheria were notified in this village.

On March 7th. I visited this village re an outbreak of diphtheria. I found that the Child Georgina Hancock had been visiting in the house in the old Road Braunston where Diphtheria had been prevalent.

On August 17th. I again visited Newham & made a house to house inspection & found that several of the school children were & had been suffering from Tonsellitis & under the circumstances thought it best to close the schools & I sent a report to the Rural Sanitary Authority re the outbreak.

I found the Cottages at the top of the village very short of water. In August the public well & also the ditch at the bottom end of the village were both cleaned out.

In September the public well at the bottom end of the village was repaired & covered in.

In October the drain at the bottom end of the village was repaired.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant.
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Fellow Inst. of Public Health

To the Daventry District Council.